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atom substituted by two C₁-C₄-alkyl groups; or

a C₁-C₄-alkyl radical substituted by a pyrrolidone radical or a morpholine radical wherein the site of attachment of the pyrrolidone radical or the morpholine radical to the alkyl group is through the nitrogen atom of the ring system of the two cyclic groups.--

REMARKS

Claims 11-20 and newly added Claim 21 remain active in the case. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Restriction has been required in the present application in the form of an election of species of one of the eight groups identified on page 2 of the Office Action. In reply to the requirement applicants hereby provisionally elect the first group identified as compositions containing formula (I) with traverse in order that the Examiner may have a starting point for the search of relevant prior art.

In traversing the requirement, applicants submit that as the Examiner considers the prior art relevant to the elected species, that in the absence of the development of prior art which discloses the elected species, the Examiner will extend the search for relevant prior art to other species of the generic invention.

All of the claims which are active read on the elected species.

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for further consideration on its merits.

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**MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

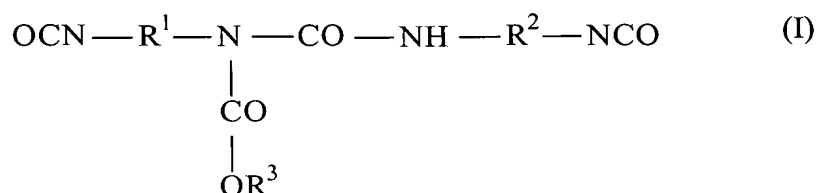
IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new Claim 21 as follows:

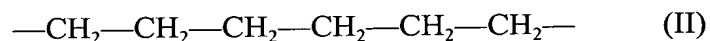
--21. (Newly Added) A mixture, comprising:

a diisocyanate component of formula Ia, Ib, Ic or combinations of diisocyanates of one or more of these three formulas, wherein

diisocyanate of formula (Ia) is:

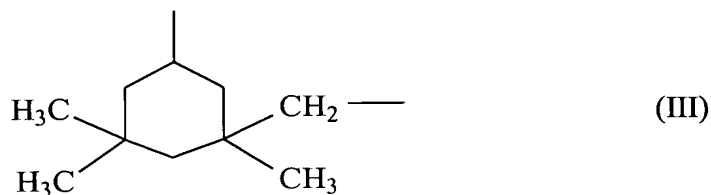


wherein each of R^1 and R^2 has formula (II):



diisocyanate of formula (Ib) wherein, in formula (I), one of R^1 or R^2 has formula (II)

and the other radical has formula (III):



diisocyanate of formula (Ic) wherein, in formula (I), each of R^1 and R^2 has formula (III); R^3 is a 5- or 6-membered cycloalkyl radical in which up to three hydrogen atoms are optionally substituted by C_1 - C_4 -alkyl groups and one or two ring carbon atoms are optionally substituted by direct attachment of oxygen of an oxygen-containing functional group or a tertiary nitrogen atom substituted by two C_1 - C_4 -alkyl groups;

a C_1 - C_4 -alkyl radical in which one hydrogen atom of the alkyl radical is substituted by a 5- or 6-membered cycloalkyl radical in which up to three hydrogen atoms are optionally substituted by C_1 - C_4 -alkyl groups and one or two ring carbon atoms are optionally substituted by direct attachment of oxygen of an oxygen-containing functional group or a tertiary nitrogen atom substituted by two C_1 - C_4 -alkyl groups; or

a C_1 - C_4 -alkyl radical substituted by a pyrrolidone radical or a morpholine radical wherein the site of attachment of the pyrrolidone radical or the morpholine radical to the alkyl group is through the nitrogen atom of the ring system of the two cyclic groups.--